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Docket No. GC507-2

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In re Application of

N. T. Becker et al.

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For: MATRIX GRANULE

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Examiner: Michael Borin

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This is a reply to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002. A one-month extension of time request is submitted with this amendment.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 66 and 83 with the claims below. A separate sheet is attached showing the changes made.

66. (Three times amended) A layered granule having a single seed particle, the layers comprising:

- a) a protein matrix layered over the seed particle wherein said matrix includes a protein mixed together with a combination of a sugar or sugar alcohol and a non-fibrous polysaccharide structuring agent; and
- b) an outer barrier layer or coating.

83. (Three times amended) A layered enzyme granule having a single seed particle, the layers comprising:

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